

# PAID GLOWING TRIBUTES TO JUDGE I. H. TAYLOR.

Bench and Bar Unite In Doing Honor To the  
Brainy Jurist.

AN ELABORATE BANQUET AND NUMEROUS GOOD SPEECHES.

Members of the Stark County Bar, Together With Judges of  
Common Pleas and Higher Courts, Gather at the Festal  
Board to Do Honor to a Great Lawyer and a  
Just Judge—Men of Eminence In Their  
Profession Deliver Addresses.

Never within the history of the members of the Stark county bar has there taken place such a heart to heart talk as that which occurred at the banquet at the Barnett house Monday night between the bench and the bar. The expressions and sentiments were akin to a great loss, but on the other hand the gain of a brother of the law among the members of the bar. The speakers did not vie with each other in presenting their compliments, but each address was full of heart to heart talk and expressive of the deepest admiration for the distinguished retiring judge, the Hon. I. H. Taylor.

The banquet was tendered to Judge Taylor by the members of the Stark county bar as a fitting close to his service of eleven years as a judge of the twelfth sub-division. The affair was remarkably successful, and it was an honor and a worthy tribute to the integrity and ability of the retiring judge to have such distinguished guests assembled, each one expressing only admiration and adding lustre to the

moved from among us by death, the then governor of Ohio turned to the county of Carroll and selected for the common pleas bench of this sub-division a gentleman of experience, of ability and of eminent fitness for the position. Eleven years of faithful, able, honorable service has justified the choice of the governor.

"The common pleas court is the keystone of the judicial arch. If that court is sound, if that court is able, then judicial work is comparatively easy and comparatively unimportant; and while this is true, there is no judicial position so difficult to fill as the common pleas bench. I want to say right here tonight that I don't think it takes a very great lawyer or judge to sit with other judges and listen to arguments of other counsel, to go over carefully printed briefs and study deliberately and carefully and make a judicial decision; but the common pleas bench judge must act from the very first impression; must decide as he hears the testimony, must be prompt

a long and illustrious career upon the common pleas bench in this sub-division. It is true that if you measure the term of his service by some of the exceptional cheers of some of the federal judges, it has not been long. But wise men, in making comparisons, see in a single instance, or the exceptional or the rule. And eleven years is a large fraction of that narrow span bounded by two eternities, which we call life.

"Judge Taylor's career on the bench has not only been a long one, but it has been an illustrious one. By his ability, by his patience, by his industry, by his learning, by his courage, he has reflected honor not only upon himself, but upon this bar as well. As has been well said by the toastmaster, the common pleas bench in this sub-division is no sinecure. When we pause to consider the multitude of questions, novel, intricate, without precedent, that come tumbling in upon the common pleas bench judge, to be determined not at his leisure, but to be determined correctly, it is no wonder the common pleas judges occasionally err. The wonder is that they are ever right, when you consider the difficult position which they have to fill."

"His position and the position of any judge in any court of general jurisdiction is much more difficult to fill than that of an appellate court. I don't say that in disparagement or in derogation of the able and the honorable judges who sit upon the appellate courts of this state; but I do say it in justice to and in vindication of the equally honorable gentlemen who have presided for years in our common pleas court.

"The chief advantage, it seems to me, which the appellate court has over the common pleas, is this (using the language of the sportsman): They have the drop on the common pleas court. They have the last guess, and thus they have that advantage. But I undertake to say that an examination of the records during the last 11 years, during which our learned friend has presided over the common pleas court, that one of the common pleas courts of this county will show as few reversals as any judge who has preceded him. (Applause.) One thing is sure, and that is that the very questions of republican institutions depend upon the honest administration of just and equal laws.

"In that kind of temple building our friend and our guest has been engaged for 11 years, and he has been a master builder. (Applause.) During this time he has by his judicial decisions connected himself in name, in fame and in character with that which is imperishable, for he has connected his name and his character with the history of jurisdiction in this sub-district. He has been the builder of his own monument, and his name will survive after he is gone; it will survive in his decisions which will be an aid and assistance and an inspiration to those who knew him upon the common pleas bench, and it will survive in the memory of his friends and be a blessed heritage to his kindred. By your ability you have commanded our admiration, and by your honesty you have compelled our respect, and by your courtesy you have kindled our emotions; and as you go from the bench to the bar, on behalf of this bar, and on behalf of myself, I wish you that large measure of success in the practice of your profession which you have had in the practical judicial administration of the law. (Applause.)

"My brethren of the bar, I propose the health of our guest, our friend and our professional brother, Isaac H. Taylor, and in so doing, I wish him, in your behalf, and I wish in my behalf, that long life, prosperity, professional success and that happiness which can only come to those who enact their high duties conscientiously. (Great applause.)

In very pleasing words, the toastmaster introduced JUDGE I. H. TAYLOR. Judge Taylor was deeply moved by the kindly words spoken in his behalf, and his emotions were apparent while speaking.

He said that the members of the Stark county bar had always been good friends to him. How could those assembled expect a speech from him whom they had treated in such an admirable manner. He thanked the very distinguished toastmaster for the good words spoken to him and of him. He said his first appointment to the bench came unsought, and through the inter-

ference of kindly friends, some of whom were probably present there. These friends were very suggestive. He said he was not a candidate for the appointment, and he had always thought that some distinguished member of the bar had a great deal to do with bringing about his appointment. He thanked the learned gentlemen sitting on his left (Mr. Harter) for the kindly words spoken in his behalf. He said he had tried to do his duty, looking into the faces of the members of the bar, trying to do what was right, and that they always stood by him. He said he had the satisfaction of feeling that he had incurred no enmity at the Stark county bar, so far as his administration in office in Stark county was concerned. (Applause.) That is saying a great deal, it is testimony in behalf of the members of the bar in this county. He said he did not believe he had incurred any enmity in the sub-division; that every one believed that he was trying to do what was right and he enacted his duty faithfully. He asked to be pardoned if he became egotistical or personal in the matter; but every man had an equal chance so far as he was concerned.

"I only attempted to please one man, and that was myself. I wanted the approval of my own conscience, feeling that I done the best I could; and I always did the best I could. You have made it pleasant for me and easy for me. It is comparatively easy for a man to hold court in this county and sub-division, but particularly in this county. (Applause.) Because if the members of the bar believe that the judge is trying to do right they stand by him and help him in more ways than one in the preparation of their cases. And you gentlemen are to be congratulated for the manner in which you prepare your cases and thus make it easy for the court; and also for the manner in which you prepare your briefs and also make it easy to hold court here, generally speaking.

"I know that you will give my successor the same loyal support that you have given me. (Applause.) I cannot be expected to make much of an address here upon this occasion. I wish a jury to charge. (Laughter; voice: "Charge it here, Judge.") I have the satisfaction of knowing that I will have the opportunity of listening to somebody else.

"I heard someone say 17 judges are seated here. (Laughter.) They are getting pretty thick. The boys used to say that you couldn't sling a cat around without hitting a judge. (Laughter.)

"I want to again thank you for this kind demonstration which expresses your good will. I believe and know that I have your good will and esteem, and that is everything to me. The testimony you have borne tonight is everything to me, a great consolation and a great comfort to me, and so long as I am able I shall always remember with delight these expressions of good will, good feeling and good friendship. Again I thank you, gentlemen, and ask to be excused."

There was a demonstration of applause, following the remarks of Judge Taylor, which lasted several minutes.

TOASTMASTER DAY'S REPLY. Toastmaster Day very eloquently replied to Judge Taylor, saying that those present will agree with him in wishing that he carry with him through life their love, admiration and respect.

"I want to assure you that while we did not always like it when you decided against us, we never lost confidence in the court. (Applause.)

The toastmaster then proceeded to introduce the Hon. David Fording, of Alliance, who spoke upon the theme "The Jury."

He said that evidently all of those present have had some experience with the jury system, and that it generally has been very satisfactory to them, notwithstanding many unpleasant recollections which they might recall. Judge Fording stated that he had at one time prepared an exhaustive paper on the jury system, and that it was a matter of intense interest to him to make an investigation. He said it is held by the leading jurists of the country who had expressed themselves, that the jury system is the greatest protection of our court and community. He said it was one of the greatest protections to the bench, in that a dissatisfied plaintiff may say that the same jury will never sit again upon a case of his, he will never say a word concerning the judge who presided at the trial, bearing testimony to the judge's fairness and honesty thereby.

"With all respect, there is no man now upon the bench or ever sat upon the bench, that could preserve his own dignity and respect and the good judge-

ment and unity of the community in which he lived, without exercising the jury system. These remarks of these speakers tonight, are a great compliment to the judiciary of our country, showing the high esteem in which are held their integrity and their judgment. Some one must be disappointed. The disappointed party does not cast any reflection upon the presiding judge. That jury won't sit on another case of his as long as he lives. There is not a civilized country in the world today that does not stand by the jury system. If they undertook to dispense with the jury system we can see how they would suffer. Every state constitution provides for a jury system, and it shall be held inviolable. The constitution of the United States originally did not contain such a provision for a jury in civil cases, only for criminal cases. Criticism resulted, heated discussions followed; friends of the constitution took the position that these matters were within the powers of the states, and this system in civil cases was finally adopted by the states. The first session of the American congress took up first the right of trial by jury. It was a most important measure."

Judge Day: "The greatest power perhaps anywhere given a body of men is reposed by the constitution of the United States in the supreme court of our country. We have the only system among civilized men in which a bench of judges may nullify a law of the legislative branch of the assembly by declaring it not in accord with the written constitution. And that great power as reposed in those parties is the sentiment of the next toast, 'The Judges.' The toastmaster then introduced HON. J. J. GRANT.

Mr. Grant said that he was conscious that there were many present at the banquet who occupied high judicial positions. He said it is the ambition of every young attorney to some day ascend to that high office. He called the attention of the bar of Stark county to the independence of the court. He said we are approaching times when new questions are to be considered, and that the effects of the local judicial courts will radiate and become part of the general movement of mankind. He desired to always have maintained the proposition that our judiciary is above all and altogether in the right. He paid eulogies to the judgment gone before.

Toastmaster Day: When a judge ascends the judicial bench, it is expected of him and it is known of him that he is fitted for the place and that he will be honest and faithful to that cause. Let him carry with him honor and never forget, when trying cases, that he came to the bench from the bar; let him never forget that he must have the same zeal, the same earnestness and the

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already been said in honor of Judge Taylor. "I want to say to the members of the Stark county bar that what you meet Judge Taylor on the other side, you will find a foreman worthy of your steel; a capable lawyer, one who will never neglect the interests of any client whose cause he espouses."

"We have a bar here that I would be willing to put up against a bar anywhere. Go along this line, and I would be willing to have my life in the hands of these gentlemen; also on the other side or any place around these tables, there are lawyers abundantly able and capable to take care of any interests committed to them. I am very grateful for the compliment of being called out to add my tribute to the honored guest, and to what has already been said."

OTHER ADDRESSES. Judge Hole, of Columbiana county, followed, and then came Judge Smith, all heaping encomiums upon the honored guest.

Judge George E. Baldwin added his tribute of worth and praise upon Judge Taylor and he spoke reminiscently of those judges and attorneys who practiced in the early days of the history of the city. He proposed the drinking to the health of Judge Taylor and there was a quick response as every one arose and drank to the health of their honored guest.

Judge Stilwell, of Holmes county, paid a high tribute to the work of Judge Taylor upon the bench, and to the Stark county bar.

Judge Albaugh also spoke highly of the guest of the banquet and wished the judge success and prosperity.

In concluding the banquet, Toastmaster Day called the attention of the members of the bar to the untiring efforts made by Chairman J. J. Clark, of the general executive committee for the successful termination of the affair. Col. Clark responded with a brief address. The banquets were then dismissed, with a pleasant good night, by the toastmaster.

The Canton Orchestral club was stationed in the banquet room during the evening and they discoursed an excellent program of music under the direction of Mr. W. F. Emerson.

The banquet hall was handsomely decorated and the tables arranged in such manner that all the guests were placed in a position to listen to the addresses of the speakers of the evening without inconvenience.

The courses were served in a most satisfactory manner under the direction of competent persons and the affair was a most delightful one.

GUESTS PRESENT. John H. Sponseller, William J. Piero L. M. Jones, James Sterling, Homer V. Brigg, P. J. Collins, Oliver M. Coker



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The Stark county bar honored him with a banquet, which was attended by eminent lawyers—a jurist who made an enviable reputation on the bench—An able, painstaking lawyer and a just and impartial judge.

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The guests assembled in the reception rooms of the Barnett house as early as 7:30 o'clock Monday night. At 9 o'clock, when the doors leading to the handsome dining room were thrown open, the host of prominent gentlemen filed into the room and occupied their chairs around the festal board.

There were only a few minutes when the courses were being served, the young ladies clad in their white costumes, who were under the direction of Mr. William J. Colopy, the efficient chief clerk of the hostelry.

Course after course of edibles and good things were served, as the splendid menu will show:

Blue Points,  
Consomme Celestine,  
Salted Almonds. Olives. Celery.  
Tenderloin of Beef Larded, Mushrooms,  
Creamed Potatoes,  
Asparagus,  
Roman Punch.  
Roast Turkey, Chestnut Dressing,  
Cranberry Sauce,  
Candied Sweet Potatoes.  
Broiled Quail on Toast,  
With Jelly,  
Potato Croquets.  
Shrimp Salad. Chicken Salad.

Vanilla Ice Cream,  
Assorted Cake. Selected Fruit,  
Figs, Layer Raisins, Coffee,  
Cigars.

It was 11 o'clock when Hon. William R. Day, the very able toastmaster, arose and announced that a feast of reason and logic was to follow the consumption of the course of the menu.

In calling the banquetters to order, Judge Day said:

"We have assembled tonight to do honor to a gentleman who has long done honor to the bar and bench of this judicial sub-division.

and just and equal. The common pleas judge who combines these qualities with courtesy, with love of justice all the time, and keeps the judicial machinery moving in the direction of the accomplishment of that great purpose, without friction and with general satisfaction, he has filled the most important place in the judicial machinery acceptably. And I speak of some considerable experience which had fallen to my lot in the early years of my judicial experience. Judge Taylor has served the bar and the people faithfully and well, and we are here tonight to say to him in the name of his constituents: 'Well done, good and faithful servant.' And I am sure that you all will join with me in wishing the judge many added years of happiness and prosperity in the practice of his profession. (Prolonged applause.)

LETTERS OF REGRET. Hon. Otto E. Young, of Massillon, was then called upon to read a number of letters of regret which were received from the following well known jurists: Judge M. L. Smyser, Wooster; J. A. Ambler, Salem; J. J. Adams, Zanesville; J. W. Jenner, Mansfield; Charles H. Kibler, Newark; R. M. Vorhees, Coshocton, and C. C. Bow, Canton, who was detained on account of illness, and who was a member of the general committee.

Toastmaster Day thereupon introduced the Hon. Henry W. Harter, who spoke as follows:

HON. H. W. HARTER'S TALK. "Toastmaster and Gentlemen of the Stark County Bar: Judge McCarty has been taking my temperature all evening. About two minutes ago he said he thought I was getting a little pale, and just as I arose he said he thought I had begun wearing the most becoming blush. The committee has appointed me to the sentiment, 'Our Guest.' It is a worthy theme, and I arise to propose that sentiment, I will take you into my confidence enough to say that in my heart of hearts I wish that the committee had given that sentiment to some one more able to do justice to the occasion and to the man. Judge Taylor, our guest, has had



William R. Day

Judge William R. Day, of the United States circuit court, late secretary of state in President McKinley's cabinet, and president of the Peace Commission, presided at the banquet given to Judge I. H. Taylor, and referred, in an opening speech, to the scholarly attainments and many qualities of the guest of the evening.

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## CLEVER HORSE THIEF.

Columbus, Nov. 19.—The town marshal of Logan is a most accommodating official, as can be proven by the police department of this city. Saturday while making an effort to arrest the man who purchased a horse at Erie from Joe Carrier which he stole from Mr. H. P. Schaeffling, of this city, Detective Dundon telephoned to Logan and other places in the southern part of the state asking them to be on the watch for the purchaser and the horse, and to detain them until the local police department could secure possession of the animal. A description of the horse was furnished all the towns notified.

Last evening Captain Russell received a telephone message from the mayor at Logan. The mayor stated that Mr. Schaeffling's horse had been located at that place and was then in possession of the town marshal. He said a stranger visited the town during the day and offered a horse for sale. The marshal purchased it for \$20 and after the seller had departed he discovered that it was the animal wanted by the police of this city, and that it filled the description which he had in his pocket at the time he made the purchase. The horse is valued at \$150.